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APPLICANT(S): McCormick et al.
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TITLE: A System and Method of Matching Teachers with Students to Facilitate
Conducting Online Private Instruction over a Global Network

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and published patent applications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the patents and published patent applications is enclosed.

Additionally, Applicants wish to make the U.S. Patent Office aware of U.S.S.N. 09/909,137, filed July 19, 2001 (Docket No. ELT-001). A copy of an Office Action mailed on April 15, 2003, for U.S.S.N. 09/909,137, also is enclosed for consideration by the Examiner.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that:

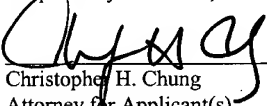
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| | C1 | USPTO Office Action, mailed on April 15, 2003, for co-pending U.S.S.N. 09/909,137 (Docket No. ELT-001) (9 pages). |
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